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HOUSE MEMORIAL 19

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MAIN STREET HISTORIC AND
TRADITIONAL TOWN CENTER, VILLAGE PLAZA AND COURTHOUSE SQUARE
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE
AUGUST 14, 2010 "NEW MEXICO MAIN STREET DAY".

WHEREAS, in 1985, through the office of former Lieutenant
Governor Mike Runnels, the state legislature created and funded
the New Mexico main street program, supporting rural and
underserved urban commercial neighborhoods as partners in
community economic development, job creation and business
retention and expansion; and admitting the five local main
street community affiliates in Gallup, Las Vegas, Raton, Silver
City and Socorro; and

WHEREAS, Aztec, Bernalillo, Carlsbad, Clovis, Deming, Taos
and Tucumcari were in the second round in 1986, and Roswell and
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1 Ruidoso were in the third round in 1987; and

2 WHEREAS, over the past twenty-five years, thirty-three New
3 Mexico communities have been officially affiliated as local
4 main street projects with the New Mexico main street state
5 coordinating program; and

6 WHEREAS, through capital outlay funding from the state
7 legislature, public sector improvements in downtown
8 streetscapes, public parks, farmers' markets, public markets,
9 roadways, pedestrian safety and public buildings have resulted
10 in the leveraging of more than two hundred twenty-three million
11 one hundred seven thousand nine hundred fifty-nine dollars
12 (\$223,107,959) in private sector reinvestment in downtown
13 areas; and

14 WHEREAS, through main street capital outlay funds, New
15 Mexico smartmoney, new market tax credits and other financing
16 tools provided through the New Mexico legislature, New Mexico
17 main street communities have rehabilitated downtown historic
18 railroad depots, libraries, hotels, museums and neighborhoods,
19 completing seven hundred seven public projects, two hundred
20 ninety-seven joint public/private projects, four hundred sixty-
21 nine business expansions and two thousand four hundred eighty-
22 two business rehabilitations; and

23 WHEREAS, over its twenty-five-year life, the New Mexico
24 main street program has created nine thousand two hundred
25 forty-eight jobs and two thousand seven hundred fifty-seven new

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1 downtown businesses through its affiliated communities; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico main street program and its staff
3 have provided specialized resources and technical services to
4 more than seventeen communities and tribal nations in their
5 revitalization efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature expanded the New
7 Mexico main street program in 2007 to develop place-based
8 economic development of the state's arts and cultural assets
9 through an innovative statewide partnership of state agencies
10 and nonprofit organizations known as the New Mexico arts and
11 cultural district program, with six communities presently
12 participating, including downtown Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Los
13 Alamos, Raton, Silver City and Taos; and

14 WHEREAS, the house of representatives wishes to affirm the
15 value of the New Mexico main street program in helping New
16 Mexico's communities to restore economic vibrancy and vitality
17 to their historic commercial neighborhood centers;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be
20 requested to declare August 14, 2010 "New Mexico Main Street
21 Day" and that the main street communities of New Mexico be
22 congratulated for their excellent, results-oriented community
23 economic development work through the main street four-point
24 approach, and that the economic development department be urged
25 to continue appropriate support to each existing main street

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1 community and set up additional funding streams for new local
2 main street communities and arts and cultural districts; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
5 economic development department, the cultural affairs
6 department, the national main street center of the national
7 trust for historic preservation, the department of
8 transportation, the tourism department, the United States
9 department of housing and urban development, the United States
10 economic development administration, the United States
11 department of agriculture's rural and economic development
12 program and the McCune charitable foundation.

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